

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Dover Heights Precinct Meeting

Nov 23, 2015 – Body Express, 157 Military Road, Dover Height

Meeting commenced at 7:45 and ended at 9:30 PM

Present – CR Miriam Guttman Jones,

Apologies CR Betts and Goltsman.

Attendance List Sent to Melissa Green separately

Minutes of previous meeting = Moved – Roslin Falk Frazer,

Seconded Julie Stark, Passed Unanimously

Matters Arising:

1 – Street Trees – Dov Reported on refusal of Bernie Usher and Jason Douglas to meet with DHP to discuss long standing issues and unwillingness to honor previous agreements made with Craig Wood:

Motion – Moved by Ron Nothman, seconded by Roslin Falk Frazer, Passed Unanimously

DHP requests that Bernie Usher & Jason Douglas make the time to meet with representative of DHP to sort out long standing issues with tree species that are planted in Dover Heights. We request that this meeting take place no later than Jan 31, 2016

2 – Report on motions from August DHP meeting – only one real response regarding signage.

Dov noted that the typical response from council to our motions is what he calls “noted and ignored.” Meaning the response from council to precinct motions is often that our motion was received and then forwarded to some person or department and we then never hear back from them again. It is disappointing when precincts take the time to address issues that affect the local area and council does not provide meaningful follow through. True community consultation should be an ongoing dialogue. When precinct motions are simply send to council departments without meaningful follow through it seems to defeat the entire precinct process and leaves precincts and residences feeling frustrated, angry and unheard.

3 – General Discussion about Rodney Reserve.

Dov reported on dimensions, look and contents of the new toilet block in Waverley Park that CR Betts suggested that we examine at the last meeting.

Ron & Dov stressed to crowd that the most effective tool to influence council is by making submissions. The sheer number of submissions is important and each family member may make a

separate submission to the general manager and to all councilors and each submission is counted separately

Many questions and concerns about proposed building in the reserve. All attendees were against building a toilet block, lighting, new parking and new seating in the reserve. Most were in favor of upgrading the fencing to create an infinity view of the ocean and upgrading the Radio Telescope Memorial. Most were in favour of the actual field being left as status quo.

Motion – moved by David Nathan, seconded by Sarah Nathan – Passed Unanimously

In light of the uncertainty that flows from it being unclear whether Waverley will merge with Randwick council alone or with both Randwick and Woollahara councils, it is difficult at this time to assess the alternative sporting facility options to a major and costly redevelopment of Rodney Reserve. Accordingly we resolve that Council defer further consideration of any redevelopment of Rodney Reserve until there is clarity as to the identity of our merger partners.

Motions A to E below – Moved by David Nathan, seconded by Ron Nothman – all motions A to E - Passed Unanimously

A – DHP requests that Building works in Rodney Reserve within the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves be placed on hold until a full investigation of the tunnels and associated military sites is completed

B – DHP requests that the National Trust be contacted regarding the status of the Radio Telescope memorial and historical military Sites on and around Rodney Reserve within the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves

C – DHP requests that the Department of Defense be contacted to determine the effectiveness of any Security rating on the tunnels and historical military sites on or around Rodney Reserve within the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves and how such security ratings would affect council proposed developments

D – DHP requests that the Waverley Historical Society be invited to address council with regards to the tunnels and historical military sites on or around Rodney Reserve within the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves

E – DHP requests that council in no way desecrates the tunnels, the Radio Telescope memorial and historical military Sites on and around Rodney Reserve within the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves

4 - Amalgamations – General discussion on the state of the merger with Randwick and possible merger with Woollahara.

CR Jones spoke about the state government process and possible outcomes

Subcommittee Reports & General Business:

Ron reported on Letterbox theft

Dov reported on issues in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves

Dov asked for volunteers for the DH Coastal Reserve gardening group – Julie & Sarah were willing to help

Motion – Moved by Julie Stark, seconded by Dov Frazer, Passed Unanimously

DHP requests that all dog bags in the Dover Heights Coastal Reserves be regularly refilled and that all dispensers of these bags be repaired or replaced as they become broken or unusable

Motion – moved by Julie Stark, seconded by Dov Frazer, Passed Unanimously

DHP requests that council permanently repair the large hole in the turf in Rodney Reserve between 169 Dover Road & 15 Lyons Street and the wood boundary fence

Meeting Closed at 9:30 PM